

I am currently a subscriber with the independent ISP Sonic.net in the Northern California area. BellSouth's petition to end regulation of broadband services would cause a limitation in choice for any user and create a more monopolistic position for the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) that are already dominant. By providing less choice and less competition for pricing and value (thus potentially being able to increase prices as they see fit) the ILECs like BellSouth would see fit to provide a strangle-hold on the broadband industry. Real innovation, higher standards of service, and great value in broadband products come not from large corporations that have the only product offered, but from small independent companies and ISPs. Harming them will provide less choice and less flexibility and less freedom for the users and real customers of the services. Please deny BellSouth's petition to end regulation in broadband services as it would not be in the best interests of the people.